

PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

THIRD SESSION,
1113/1938.

Friday the 29th July 1938/14th Karkatakam 1113.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock with the President Sachivota Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN.

Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai, (*Director of Public Health*) took the oath and signed the rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Kannukalipalam on the Quilon-Alleppey Road.

156. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): With regard to the Kannukalipalam near Karuvatta on the Quilon-Alleppey road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) (1) the year in which the bridge was opened for traffic after completion of its construction;

(2) the estimated cost of its construction;

(3) the person to whom its construction was given on contract:

(4) the total expenditure incurred by the Government when its construction was completed;

(5) the names and salaries of the officers who supervised its construction: and

(6) the time taken for the construction;

(b) (1) whether the Chief Engineer has received any reports from the subordinates of the department regarding any damage to the abutment of the said bridge, if so, from whom, the nature of the damage reported and the date on which the report was received;

(2) if no report as aforesaid was received, whether the Chief Engineer got information about its damage in any other way;

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[Mr. K. P. Kechukora Tharakan.]

(3) if the Chief Engineer was aware of the damage to the abutment of the said bridge, whether any enquiry was made in the matter, if so, the person by whom the enquiry was made, and the result of the enquiry; and

(4) if there is any such damage to the abutment of the bridge what will be the probable expenditure for its repairs?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) (1) 1936.

(2) Rs. 34,150.

(3) The bridge proper to Messrs. The General Construction Company Limited, Madras and the approaches etc., of the bridge to Mr. K. G. Parameswaran Pillai of Quilon.

(4) Rs. 28,981 to the end of 5/1113.

(5) Mr. J. D. Bayliss Paul, Supervisor Rs. 75 per mensem, Mr. K. C. Thomas, Assistant Engineer Rs. 400 and Mr. L. H. Jacob, Executive Engineer Rs. 800.

(6) About one year.

(b) (1) Yes, from the Division Officer, Quilon, that there are a few cracks in the pitching. In April 1937.

(2) This does not arise in view of answer to part (b) (1).

(3) The Chief Engineer inspected the work and issued necessary instructions. No further enquiry was considered necessary.

(4) No serious damage to the abutment of the bridge has been caused. The bridge is perfectly safe.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvella*): Sir, may I know from the Government whether any other person or company applied for the contract?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the lowest tender?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It was that of the General Construction Company.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the amount?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Rs. 22,445.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the extent of the damages and losses incurred by Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The approaches to the bridge are high and of earth founded on soft subsoil. The earth settled owing to climatic conditions and pushed the abutment walls against the bridge, these walls were cut away for a few inches to relieve the pressure against the bridge. The cost of this was under Rs. 200.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether that aspect of the question was not taken into consideration at the time of the supervision?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, but it is a thing that can be expected at any time with high abutments.